

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A function appending method for a digital camera which records image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

- selecting program installing at the digital camera;
- waiting for a program transmitting command from ~~the~~ an external recording medium;
- receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium;
- transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium;
- receiving a program recorded on the external recording medium connected to the digital camera exchangeably;
- storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera;
- reading the program from the recording medium in the digital ~~medium~~ camera at a desired time; and
- executing the program.

2. (Currently Amended) A function appending method for a digital camera which records image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

selecting program installing at the digital camera;  
waiting for a program transmitting command from ~~the~~ an external recording medium;  
receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium;  
transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium;  
receiving a program recorded on the external recording medium and sent therefrom via a  
communication line,  
storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera;  
reading the program from the recording medium in the digital ~~medium~~ camera at a  
desired time; and  
executing the program.

3. (Currently Amended) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, further  
comprising ~~the step of:~~ deleting a desired program from recording medium in the digital camera.

4. (Currently Amended) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, further  
comprising ~~the step of:~~ deleting a desired program from recording medium in the digital camera

5. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the program  
is a print image data generating program.

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6. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the program is a print image data generating program.

7. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the program is a communication program.

8. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the program is a communication program.

9. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

10. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

11. (Previously Presented) A digital camera for recording image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:

external program reception means with a program installing function, for waiting for a program transmitting command from an external recording medium, receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium, transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium, receiving a program recorded on the external recording medium, which is connected thereto exchangeably, and storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera; and

execution control means for reading the program from the recording medium at a desired time to execute the read out program.

12. (Currently Amended) A digital camera for recording image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:

external program reception means with a program installing function, for waiting for a program transmitting command from the external recording medium, receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium, transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium, receiving a program recorded on the external recording medium and sent therefrom via a communication line, and storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera; and

execution control means for reading the program from the recording medium at a desired time to execute the read out program.

13. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, further comprising:  
program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the recording medium provided  
therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, further  
comprising: program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the recording medium  
provided therein.

15. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a  
program for generating print image data, and further comprising:  
print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data  
generated by executing the program to a printing device.

16. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a  
program for generating print image data, and further comprising:  
print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data  
generated by executing the program to a printing device.

17. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a communication program for communicating data with a terminal device connected to the communication line.

18. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a communication program for communicating data with a terminal device connected to the communication line.

19. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the image data is recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

20. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the image data is recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

21. (Previously Presented) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

22. (Previously Presented) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

23. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

24. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

25. (New) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the communication line is external to the digital camera.

26. (New) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the communication line is connected to an external device.

27. (New) The function appending method as set forth in claim 26, wherein the external device comprises a personal computer.

28. (New) The function appending method as set forth in claim 26, wherein the external device comprises a modem.

29. (New) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the communication line is external to the digital camera.

30. (New) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the communication line is connected to an external device.

31. (New) The digital camera as set forth in claim 30, wherein the external device comprises a personal computer.

32. (New) The digital camera as set forth in claim 30, wherein the external device comprises a modem.